



THIRD GRADE BACK-TO-SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back!

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the third grade year! We are extremely excited about getting to know your children. We will be busy this week getting acquainted with each other, our room, and our building. We will be reviewing rules and procedures to insure a safe and orderly environment. Ask your children about *Stop and Think*.

Third grade is a transition year from primary to intermediate grades, and **organization** is the key to a successful transition. The materials that we suggested (composition books, folders, etc.) will be used to organize assignments and class activities throughout the year. This will be a challenging and rewarding year for your child.

Homework assignments are written in an assignment book. Please review your child's homework and sign his/her assignment book **each night** (Monday thru Thursday). Some assignments are short term and some will be long term.

Homework content and procedures will be covered at length during Back-to-School Night. It will be held on Thursday, September 24th. We are looking forward to meeting you then.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new team member, Mrs. Jenni Kwon. As you may know, she is coming to us from second grade. We are very excited about her joining us.

This is a challenging and important year for children. A lot of our content is far beyond their current experiences. Our curriculum is challenging and important. We teach and model for our students that effective effort leads to success. Together, we can and will make this a successful school year!

Sincerely,
The Third Grade Team
Mrs. Christa Geraci
Mrs. Jenni Kwon
Ms. Kristen Menz
Mrs. Julie Robeson
Mrs. Betsey Walker

This year the third grade teachers will be communicating with you using our Wednesday Folders. They will be sent home every Wednesday afternoon. These folders are important because they are filled with graded classwork and homework assignments, graded quizzes and tests, and important notices from the office and from teachers. Please check your child's folder EVERY Wednesday afternoon, remove/review the papers, and sign the sign-off sheet stapled into the front cover. The sign-off sheet is for the teachers to verify that parents saw the contents of the folder. Comments and/or questions may be written on the sign-off sheet as well. The folder is due, signed by a parent, on Thursday morning. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation!

Upcoming Events

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd
BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC
5:30-7:00pm

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th
LABOR DAY
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th
BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
YOM KIPPUR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2ND
EARLY RELEASE DAY



COME MEET
YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER!



Stop and Think

This year Goshen students will continue to participate in our school-wide behavior incentive program. Students will set behavioral goals, related to class rules and learning skills, necessary for a positive and productive school experience. Students and teachers will monitor individual progress in attaining the goals through a "Behavior Calendar." The monthly calendar will be in their homework agenda and the calendar day will consist of four segments. The sections are for math, writing, specials (including Art, Music, P.E., Computer Lab, lunch and recess), and reading. With the assistance of the teacher, students will note their individual attainment of goals throughout the day to reflect the following:

Green or White Day = Independent

Yellow Day = Limited to more frequent prompting

Red = Required frequent prompting, possibly an office visit.

*A green day may remain white rather than coloring each section in after each class.

Children who receive 80% of green at the end of each week (4 out of 5 days) will receive a **Grizzly Gram** (green paper) to take home with them. Children who do not receive 80% green at the end of the week will receive a **Grizzly Note** (yellow paper) where the days that they did not earn green will be noted. **Grizzly Notes (only)** need to be signed by a parent and returned to school.

Children who receive green for the month will participate in a monthly incentive. We look forward to many green, fun-filled months!

* Please look for further information about Goshen's Behavior Incentive Program included in the behavior policy to be sent home.



STOP AND THINK.....

Am I going to make a Good choice or a Bad choice?

Math	Writing
Specials	Reading